

PSC 2220 - Approaches to Public Policy and Administration

Introduction

Public policy and administration is a core area of the discipline of Political Science. It concerns itself with the understanding of the processes of policy-making and implementation in different forms of governance and under diverse institutional, cultural and socio-economic conditions. This course unit introduces students to the nature of the field of public policy and administration and its main themes as well as approaches.

Course Objectives

This course seeks to enable students to:

- i understand the theoretical approaches in the study of public policy and administration.
- ii to familiarize themselves with the basic concepts, themes, institutions and processes in public policy-making and administration.

Expected Outcomes

At the end of the course, student will be able to:

- i. Gain knowledge about main theories, concepts and themes in relation to Public Policy and Administration
- ii. Understand the institutions and their functions and processes of policy Formation and administration
- iii. Value and importance attached to public policy.

Course Contents

1. Nature and Scope of Public Policy

- i. Meaning of Public Policy
- ii. Significance of Public Policy
- iii. Public Policy Analysis
- iv. Factors and Actors Influencing Public Policy
- v. Public Policy Under Globalization

2. Nature and Scope of Public Administration

- i. Meaning and Definitions of Public Administration
- ii. Nature and History of Public Administration
- iii. Scope of Public Administration

- iv. Relationship between Public Policy, Administration and Politics
3. Public Administration in the Development Processes
 - i. Development Administration
 - ii. Comparative Administration
 4. Organization-Theories and Approaches
 - i. Meaning of Organization
 - ii. Theories of Organization
 - a. Mechanistic or Structural Functional Theory
 - b. Social Psychological Theory or Structural Functional Theory
 - c. Principles of Organization Theory
 - iii. Public and Private Cooperation
 5. Management in Public Administration: An Overview
 - i. Theories of Management
 - ii. Theory of Bureaucracy
 6. Decentralization and Public Policy and Administration
 - i. Conceptual issues
 - a. Meaning of Decentralization
 - b. Democratic Decentralization
 - c. Administrative Decentralization
 - ii. Forms and Objectives of Decentralization
 7. Current Issues of Public Policy
 - i. State and Market under Globalization
 - ii. Poverty Alleviation
 - iii. Environment, Social Security and Public Policy
 - iv. Women and Development in Public Policy
 - v. Good Governance and People's Participation

Assessment

| <i>Method</i> | <i>Weightage</i> |
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| Assignments | 15% |
| Mid-Semester Test | 15% |
| End Semester Exam | 60% |
| Class Attendance and Participation | 10% |
| Total | 100% |

Recommended Reading

Maheshwari, Shiram. 1998, *Administrative Theory-An Introduction*. New Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd.

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